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PENGUIN GALLUP CHARTS TOP 100

FOOTBALL CRAZY!

Well, what did you expect? It's football fever in the charts this month, with the first of the European Championship tie-ins pushing and jarring for the top slots. It's going to get worst before it gets any better too (for football haters, at least), with many of the big guns yet to enter the fray.

But who've we got so far? Well, US Gold make it to the number two with *The Manager*, while the Codies are not far off target with *First Division Manager*, a game that actually made it all the way to the top

***Barnesy*: if only he could reproduce (etc).**

a couple of months ago. Another budget soccer release doing well at the moment is Gremlin's *Manchester United*, which is keeping the terraces happy at number 10, while Krisalis seem to be hitting the woodwork a bit with *John Barnes European Football* at 15.

Some of this will comes as little real surprise, of course, but we're always astonished at how well footy management games seem to do. So much so, in fact, that we thought a bit of investigation into *The Manager* might prove useful...

FOOTBALL MAD!

The Manager
New Entry, Number 2

Eye Of The Beholder II
High Riser, Number 6

For US Gold's Danielle Woodyatt, this is a fine result and "just shows that soccer sells very well." Indeed – but are boring old management games always so popular? "Hmm, that's a tricky one. To be honest, I think we're surprised that it's been so successful, but we're obviously very pleased that it has. It is, after all, a quality product and a very good package." German company Software 2000 spent over two years researching and developing the game, their first attempt at a management game as far as we know.

Of course, it's not all football games – US Gold are also doing pretty well with a representative of what's shaping up to be the summer's other big game type, the RPG. Many of you will have read our very positive review of *Eye Of The Beholder II* last month – this sequel to last year's biggest fantasy role playing success is a game fans have been waiting well over twelve months for, so it's no big surprise that it's doing so well.

* Exceptional ** Nearly there *** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (2) **JOHN MADDEN AMERICAN FOOTBALL** Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
2 (NE) **THE MANAGER** US Gold £30.99 *
3 (NE) **EPIC** Ocean £29.99 *
4 (19) **FIRST DIVISION MANAGER** Code Masters £7.99 **
5 (1) **PROJECT X** Team 17 £25.99 ***
6 (27) **EYE OF THE BEHOLDER 2** US Gold £35.99 ***
7 (6) **RAINBOW ISLANDS** Hit Squad £7.99 *****
8 (4) **FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX** MicroProse £34.99 *****
9 (24) **F-16 COMBAT PILOT** Action 16 £9.99 ***
10 (18) **MANCHESTER UNITED** GBH £9.99 ***

11 (10) **SCOOBY-DOO AND SCRAPPY-DOO** Hi Tec Software £7.99 *****
12 (61) **JAMES POND** GBH 7.99 ***
13 (8) **LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE** GBH £7.99 *****
14 (3) **SPACE CRUSADE** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 ****
15 (NE) **JOHN BARNES EUROPEAN FOOTBALL** Krisalis £29.99 ***
16 (16) **NEW ZEALAND STORY** Hit Squad £7.99 *****
17 (9) **GOLDEN AXE** Tronix £9.99 **
18 (NE) **FANTASY WORLD DIZZY** GBH £9.99 ***
19 (71) **WACKY RACES** Hi Tec Software £7.99 ***
20 (NE) **DIZZY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES** Code Masters £24.99 ****
21 (32) **SIM ANT** Ocean £25.99 *
22 (54) **JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER** Virgin £29.99 *****
23 (5) **PINBALL DREAMS** 21st Century £25.99 *****
24 (RE) **WORLD CRICKET** Zeppelin £7.99 ***
25 (17) **ROBOCOP** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
26 (42) **OPERATION THUNDERBOLT** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
27 (RE) **LITTLE PUFF** Code Masters £6.99 ***
28 (NE) **TURRICAN 2** Kixx £7.99 ***
29 (11) **SHADOW WARRIORS** Hit Squad £7.99 *
30 (56) **WWF WRESTLEMANIA** Ocean £25.99 *
31 (15) **PACIFIC ISLANDS** Empire £29.99 ****
32 (26) **STRIDER** Kixx £7.99 ***
33 (7) **BLACK CRYPT** Electronic Arts £25.99 ****
34 (30) **GRAEME SOUNESS SOCCER MANAGER** Zeppelin £7.99 **
35 (21) **SPECIAL FORCES** MicroProse £34.99 **
36 (14) **SUPER OFF ROAD** Tronix £9.99 ****
37 (78) **PAPERBOY** Encore £7.99 **
38 (41) **BIRDS OF PREY** Electronic Arts £34.99 ****
39 (47) **TOYOTA CELICA RALLY** GBH £7.99 ***
40 (76) **UNTOUCHABLES** Hit Squad £7.99 **
41 (22) **BUBBLE BOBBLE** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
42 (RE) **QUATTRO FIGHTERS** Code Masters £7.99 **
43 (23) **ROBOCOD** Millennium £25.99 ****
44 (63) **THE QUEST OF AGRAVAIN** Code Masters £7.99 ***
45 (12) **POPULOUS 2** Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
46 (RE) **INTERNATIONAL NINJA RABBITS** Micro Value £7.99 ***
47 (RE) **SHADOW OF THE BEAST** Sizzlers £7.99 **
48 (60) **ULTIMATE GOLF** GBH Gold £9.99**
49 (RE) **ALTERED BEAST** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
50 (46) **ITALIA '90** Tronix £9.99 **
51 (68) **LOMBARD RAC RALLY** Hit Squad £7.99***
52 (RE) **PRO BOXING** Code Masters £7.99 *
53 (39) **CHASE HQ** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
54 (62) **MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
55 (43) **ANOTHER WORLD** US Gold £25.99 *****
56 (57) **RICK DANGEROUS** Kixx £7.99 ***
57 (79) **AWARD WINNERS** Empire £25.99 ***
58 (97) **VIZ** Tronix £9.99 ***
59 (48) **A320 AIRBUS** Thalion £35.99 **
60 (73) **OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS** Psygnosis £19.99 **
61 (44) **PGA TOUR PLUS** Electronic Arts £29.99 *
62 (72) **HEIMDALL** Core Design £34.99 ****
63 (92) **GHOULS'N'GHOSTS** Kixx £7.99 **
64 (25) **HARLEQUIN** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
65 (NE) **MAGICLAND DIZZY** Code Masters £7.99 ***
66 (NE) **HOVERSPRINT** Code Masters £7.99 *
67 (90) **MICROPROSE GOLF** MicroProse £34.99 ***
68 (96) **PARASOL STARS** Ocean £25.99 *****
69 (NE) **DIZZY COLLECTION** Code Masters £24.99 ***
70 (91) **ROBOCOP 3** Ocean £25.99 ***
71 (67) **MONKEY ISLAND** US Gold £29.99 ****
72 (RE) **DOUBLE DRAGON 2** Tronix £9.99 *
73 (RE) **INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY** Zeppelin £7.99 **
74 (RE) **BATMAN: THE MOVIE** Hit Squad £7.99 **
75 (NE) **TRI STAR SPORTS** Soundware £7.99 **
76 (34) **AGONY** Psygnosis £25.99 ***
77 (45) **MEGA-LO-MANIA/FIRST SAMURAI** Ubi Soft £30.99 *****
78 (55) **ALIEN BREED** Team 17 £24.99 ***
79 (RE) **COVERT ACTION** MicroProse £34.99 ***
80 (28) **POPULOUS** Star Performers £10.99 ****
81 (RE) **SOCCER STARS (COMP)** Empire £25.99 **
82 (NE) **YOGI'S BIG CLEAN UP** Hi Tec Software £7.99 **
83 (RE) **LEANDER** Psygnosis £25.99 ****
84 (NE) **EASY AMOS** Europress Software £34.99 ***
85 (RE) **Z-OUT** Kixx £7.99 **
86 (51) **SHADOWLANDS** Domark £29.99 ****
87 (13) **GIANTS OF EUROPE** Anco £7.99 ***
88 (RE) **BOARD GENIUS** Beau Jolly £29.99 **
89 (NE) **MICROPROSE SOCCER** Kixx £7.99 *
90 (RE) **LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE 2** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
91 (81) **MIGHT AND MAGIC 3** US Gold £40.99 **
92 (RE) **KNIGHTS OF THE SKY** MicroProse £34.99
93 (37) **EUROPEAN SUPERLEAGUE** COS £24.99 **
94 (31) **ADS** Action 16 £9.99 **
95 (NE) **COMBO RACER** GBH £7.99 ***
96 (RE) **INDY HEAT** Storm £25.99 ***
97 (50) **ULTIMA VI** Origin/Mindscape £30.99 *****
98 (NE) **PAPERBOY 2** Mindscape £25.99 **
99 (RE) **TERMINATOR 2** Ocean. £25.99 **
100 (49) **CASTLES** Electronic Arts £29.99 ***

We figure you must have some idea how the charts work by now, so briefly: they're put together by Gallup, they mix budgies and full pricers together, games are rated in stars, and now they're © McVities!

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER...

Epic
New Entry, Number 3

Sim Ant
New Entry, Number 21

We've been promising reviews of it for months, and at long last it's here – though not without its problems. Ocean's initially impressive (but see the review this issue) *Wing Commander*-influenced 3D blaster suffered from a deluge of returns in its first days on sale – seems there was a gremlin in one of the duplication machines used for disk one, resulting in lots of failures – though copies on sale now should be fine.

Despite these 11th hour troubles, however, the mood at Ocean remains enthusiastic. Ocean's Ken Lockley confirms "the game was a long time coming, but finally it has arrived and people aren't disappointed."

Ocean's own enthusiasm for the game has been matched by huge sales even on its first day. Northampton-based distributer Leisuresoft, for instance, are said to have started selling at 9.00am on the Monday, and had shifted 5,000 copies by 11.30. One reason for this has to be the length of time people have been kept waiting – demand for the game started over two years ago when the first

***Epic* brilliant to look at, less so to play.**

magazine previews appeared!

Such success certainly makes up for what might be seen as the disappointing showing made by *Sim Ant*, which has entered the charts at number 21. Ken is "initially disappointed with *Sim Ant*'s current position, but I think it's the type of game that will be a steady sell. It'll never set the charts on fire, but we expect it to filter through slowly, just like *Sim Earth*."

TOUGH TREATMENT FOR TANKS

Pacific Islands
Number 31

This is an odd one – we rate this game highly, and are surprised that it didn't peak a bit higher in the charts. Empire's Marissa Pauwells isn't worried though: "As a game it's great –we've had brilliant coverage in the press, which is great as this is the sort of product that re-emphasizes the company's new direction. *Pacific Islands* really shows what we can do." ●